

Pre-Registration to Hunt - 2005
Camp Edwards (Otis/Massachusetts Military Reservation)

Submit by November 1 to:
MassWildlife - Southeast Wildlife District
195 Bournedale Road
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Permission to hunt Camp Edwards is at the discretion of the Camp Commander!
Changes in base security status may result in cancellation of the hunt.
Hunters must be pre-registered!

Deer hunting will only be allowed on the following season dates:

Archery: ***Nov. 14 (Mon.) through Nov. 17 (Thurs.)***
Shotgun: ***Nov. 28 (Mon.) through Dec. 3 (Sat.)***
Muzzleloader: ***Dec. 12 (Mon.) through Dec. 14 (Wed.)***

Due to increased security concerns throughout the country, including the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR), access is restricted and necessitates a pre-registration of hunters. The MMR includes Camp Edwards, the Otis Air National Guard Base, Air Station Cape Cod and other areas. Hunting has been available on the Camp Edwards section of the MMR since 1956 through a permit system and controlled hunt managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and cooperating agencies. Hunters should be aware that some areas of MMR will be closed to hunting because of active programs to investigate and remediate groundwater contamination of the Cape Cod sole-source aquifer.

A controlled public hunt is necessary for managing the local deer population density to protect the MMR's natural resources, reduce deer/vehicle collisions and the incidence of Lyme disease. Hunters who want to deer hunt on Camp Edwards must pre-register using this form, comply with all regulations pertaining to this hunt and undergo a daily check in and check out*. All vehicles entering the base must have valid insurance, inspection stickers and registration.

2005 Hunting or Sporting License Number _____
Name _____
Street Address _____ PO Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone Number _____
FID/LTC Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

(A valid FID or LTC is required to hunt Camp Edwards/Otis during the Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons. A valid FID or LTC is not required for the archery season, but a valid photo ID will be required.)

Drivers License Number _____ State MA or _____
Vehicle Plate Number _____ State MA or _____

I certify all information is true and correct.

Signature Date

Please mark the appropriate section below for any/all seasons you plan to hunt deer on the Base during 2005. Note: This is for record keeping only and you will not be restricted from hunting during any season based on your choices:

Archery _____ **Shotgun** _____ **Muzzleloader** _____

**Hunters must check in at the Otis Fish and Game Club located off Connery Avenue before being allowed on the base. There is a limit of 600 pre-registered hunters allowed on the base at any one time and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters may be subject to a background check, must fill out a liability release form and must receive and return the daily permits at the Otis Fish and Game Club. Information on the hunt may be obtained from MassWildlife at 508-759-3406.*

Camp Edwards/Otis/MMR Deer Hunt

General Information for Hunters - 2005

Changes in base security status may result in cancellation of the hunt.

Camp Edwards (also known as Otis Air Force Base or the Massachusetts Military Reservation) is located in the towns of Bourne and Sandwich on Cape Cod. A controlled hunt is the only hunting allowed at Camp Edwards. Camp Edwards is an active military training area and access is strictly controlled. About 14,000 acres will be open to hunting. The hunting area is dominated by pitch pine - scrub oak habitat and is separated into sections by marked dirt roads. The topography has many hills and hollows typical of the terminal moraine. In past years, the controlled hunts harvested an average of 100 deer annually.

Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration is open to all licensed hunters.

Mail or Deliver Completed Forms to:

To be eligible to hunt Camp Edwards, hunters must complete the pre-registration form and submit it to the Southeast Wildlife District. Hunters may be subject to a background check. Permission to hunt Camp Edwards is at the discretion of the Camp Commander.

Daily Check-In Procedures

Hunters must enter the base from the MMR Rotary and follow the signs on Connery Avenue to the Otis Fish and Game Club building. There is a limit of 600 hunters allowed on the base at any one time and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Gates to the Otis Fish and Game Club access road open at 5 am.

Hunters must enter the Otis Fish and Game Club to be issued a daily permit. ***Particular emphasis will be placed upon the wearing of 500 square inches of hunter orange clothing or material on the head, chest and back while hunting as required by state regulations.***

If hunters have:

- ⟨ ***pre-registered and passed security screens***
- ⟨ ***are dressed in hunter orange (not required during archery season)***
- ⟨ ***possess a valid hunting/sporting license and a valid F.I.D. or L.T.C. card (not required during archery season)***
- ⟨ ***filled out the liability release and indemnification form (this form must be filled out for each season – archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader)***

Hunters will be issued a daily permit, along with the allowable hunting area map and regulations. A vehicle pass will be issued to allow access through Connery Avenue to the hunting areas off Frank Perkins Road.

Hunters must comply with all pertinent laws and regulations including statewide hunting regulations, Camp Edwards hunting regulations and posted signs. Successful hunters must check their deer at the Otis Fish and Game Club. Passes must be returned to the Otis Fish and Game Club at the end of the hunting day. Passes must be returned no later than 6 pm. Failure to comply with all rules and regulations will be just cause for denial of future deer hunting privileges at the Otis/Edwards Military Reservation.

Directions to the Otis Fish and Game Club check in:

From the north: Take Route 3 south to the Sagamore Rotary, then take Route 6 west to the Buzzards Bay Rotary, cross the Cape Cod Canal and take Route 28 south to the Massachusetts Military Reservation Rotary. At the Massachusetts Military Reservation rotary, take the base entrance road, Connery Avenue (inbound), then take the first left, and then left onto Connery Avenue (Outbound). The next right is the unpaved access road to the Otis Fish and Game Club. Follow the dirt road until you see the Otis Fish and Game Club building.